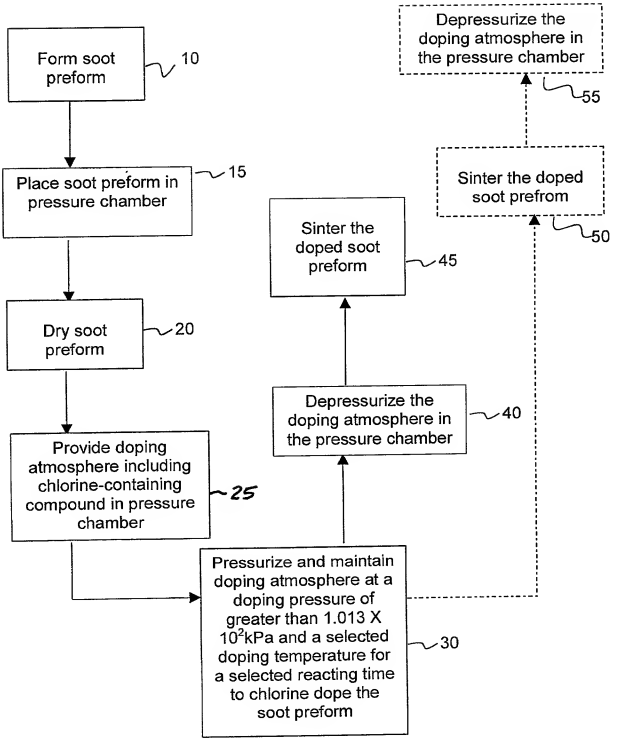
Form soot preform
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Place soot preform in pressure chamber
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Dry soot preform
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Provide doping atmosphere including chlorine-containing compound in pressure chamber
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Pressurize and maintain doping atmosphere at a doping pressure of greater than 1.013 X 10^2kPa and a selected doping temperature for a selected reacting time to chlorine dope the soot preform
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Depressurize the doping atmosphere in the pressure chamber
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Sinter the doped soot preform
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Sinter the doped soot prefrom
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Depressurize the doping atmosphere in the pressure chamber
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FIG. 1

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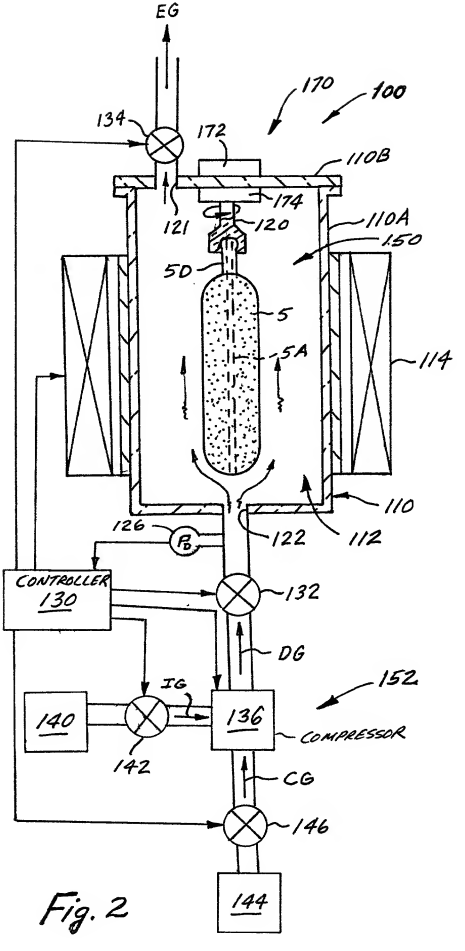

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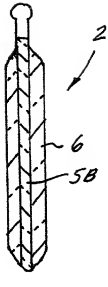

Fig. 3